

Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A method of nutritional supplementation of animals, comprising:

feeding to an animal a small but nutritional supplementation effective amount of, a ~~1:1 neutral~~ complex of an essential trace element and a dicarboxylic alpha amino acid containing one ion of the trace element for each molecule of the dicarboxylic alpha amino acid, with the molecule of the complex having a net zero charge~~to an animal~~.

Claim 2 (Original): The method of claim 1 wherein the animal is a domesticated livestock or poultry animal.